

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising;

a memory configured to store a default mail address;

a panel section configured to input a mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input by the panel section

the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input by the panel section, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

2. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

3. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

4. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for inputting the mail address of the user to the image data communication apparatus.

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5. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

6. An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising;

a memory configured to store a default mail address;

a panel section configured to input a mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input by the panel section, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

7. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

8. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

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9. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for inputting the mail address of the user to the image data communication apparatus.

10. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

11. An image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, the image data communication apparatus comprising;

a memory configured to store a default mail address;

a panel section configured to input a mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input by the panel section, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user.

12. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the image data source comprises a scanner connected to the image data communication apparatus.

13. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the panel section comprises a personal computer connected to the image data communication apparatus.

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14. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the personal computer displays an HTML document for inputting the mail address of the user to the image data communication apparatus.

15. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

16. An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

- a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

- a memory configured to store a default mail address;

- a panel section configured to input a mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus; and

- a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input by the panel section;

- the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input by the panel section, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

17. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

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18. An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

- a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

- a memory configured to store a default mail address;

- a panel section configured to input a mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus; and

- a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input by the panel section;

- the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input by the panel section, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

19. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 18, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

20. An image data communication apparatus connected to a network, the image data communication apparatus comprising:

- a transmitter configured to transmit image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message;

- a memory configured to store a default mail address;

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a panel section configured to input a mail address of a user into the image data communication apparatus; and

a controller configured to set the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input by the panel section;

the controller being configured to set the mail address of the user, input by the panel section, into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input by the panel section, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user.

21. The image data communication apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

22. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address, a mail address of a user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising;

setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input; and

setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

23. The method according to claim 22, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

24. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address, a mail address of a user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising;

setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input; and

setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus.

25. The method according to claim 24, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

26. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to an image data source and to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address, a mail address of a user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising;

setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input; and

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setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user.

27. The method according to claim 26, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

28. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address, a mail address of a user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input;

setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input, whereby the mail address of the user set into the mail message of the e-mail is utilized as a destination of a reply to the e-mail, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

29. The method according to claim 28, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

30. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address, a mail address of a user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising:



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setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input;

setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input, whereby a reply to the e-mail can be sent to the user without requiring input of the mail address of the user at the receiving apparatus, the reply being sent from the receiving apparatus; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

31. The method according to claim 30, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.

32. A method for controlling an image data communication apparatus connected to a network, and transmitting image data attached to an e-mail, the e-mail including a mail from command and a mail message, a memory storing a default mail address, a mail address of a user being an address other than the default mail address, the method comprising:

setting the default mail address into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is not input;

setting the mail address of the user into the mail message of the e-mail to which the image data is attached when the mail address of the user is input, whereby a reply to the e-mail is returned to the mail address of the user; and

transmitting the image data attached to the e-mail to a receiving apparatus via the network.

33. The method according to claim 32, wherein the image data attached to the e-mail is converted into a format for e-mail transmission.